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Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 10-271154 is cited on page 6 of the specification and Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-073861 is cited on page 4 of the specification. English abstracts of both are enclosed.

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